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Treehouse California Almonds, LLC Consumer Confidence Report for 2013

Treehouse California Almonds well water consumer confidence report for Earlimart.
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Name, Location, and Type of Water Source: : This report covers the only well Treehouse utilizes at the Earlimart facility located at 6914 Road 160, Earlimart, CA, 93219, which is on site and used for almond blanching, plant sanitation and restroom needs.

Drinking water assessment: Treehouse California Almonds certifies that the test results meet requirements for our use in the manufacturing of almonds. These certification tests were completed by BSK and BC laboratories.

Public Participation: This well water is privately owned and controlled for water use only at Treehouse Almonds. No public meetings are held, thus no public participation is encouraged and has no effect on the decision made in relation to our water. This report will be written in English and posted in our employee break area.

Contact: Treehouse California Almonds, LLC is a corporation that is privately owned, and who owns the well. Brian Ball is the manager that would answer any questions in regard to the water system or the confidence report; you may contact him at (559) 757-5020. If he is unavailable one may contact Jonathan Meyer.

Definitions: MCL = Maximum Contamination Level.

Levels of Detected Contaminants: Given within the tables below are found levels of contaminants found at Treehouse California Almonds Earlimart facility.

Table 1: Microbiological Contaminants (Total Coliform Rule)

Contaminant	Month with highest counts	Months with two or more positives/month	Source
Coliform	March <1.1 MPN/100mL	March	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli	March <1.1 MPN/100mL	March	Human and animal Fecal waste

Table 2: Lead and Copper

Contaminant	Method	Result	90% level	Sites that exceeded AL	Source
Copper (Cu)	EPA 200.8	ND ppb	.047	0	Internal pipe corrosion, erosion of natural deposits & leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (Pb)	EPA 200.8	ND ppb	.006	0	Internal pipe corrosion, discharges from industrial manufactures & erosion of natural deposits

Table 3: Sodium and Hardness

Contaminant	Method	Result	Range	Source
Sodium (Na)	EPA 200.7	240	240	Salt present in water is naturally occurring
Hardness (CaCO ₃)	SM2340 B			Sum of Ployvalent cations in water, generally Mg & Ca and are naturally occurring
* Hardness tested for Boiler, water is always hard with out treatment. Water used in the boiler is conditioned.				

Table 4: Primary Drinking Water Standard (MCL, MRDL, or TT)

Contaminant	Unit	Level	Range	MCL	Source
Copper (Cu)	ppm	.035	.0002-.0064	1.3	Internal pipe corrosion, erosion of natural deposits & leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	ppb	2.0	2.0	2000	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (NO ₃)	ppm	32	32	45	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer
Uranium	pCi/L	5.0	5.0	20	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	pCi/L	7.95	7.95	15	Erosion of natural deposits

Table 5: Secondary Drinking Water Standard (MCL)

Contaminant	Unit	Level	Range	MCL	Source / Health Effects
Iron (Fe)	ppb	2400	2400	300	Erosion of natural deposits
Specific Conductance	µS/cm	900	900	1600	Substances that form ions in when in water
Chloride	ppm	390	390	500	Runoff/leaching of natural deposits
Odor – Threshold	Units	3	3	5	Natural occurring organic material
Manganese	ppb	290	290	500	High levels have been shown to effect the nervous system
Sulfate (SO ₄)	ppm	0.5	0.5	500	Runoff/leaching of natural deposits
Turbidity	NTU	5	5	5	Soil runoff

Table 6: Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant	Unit	Level	Range	MCL	Health Effects
Boron	ug/L	900	900	1000	The babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increase risk of developmental effects, based on studies in lab animals.

Table 7: Other Contaminants

Contaminant	Unit	Level	Range	MCL	Health Effects
1,2-Dichloroethane-d4	%	110	110	500	Some people who use water containing 1,2-dichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer
Ammonia	ug/L	0.15	0.15		
Bicarbonate	ug/L	380	380		
Bromodichloromethane	ug/L	<0.5	<0.5	1	
Bromoform	ug/L	1.7	1.7	1	
Calcium (Ca)	ug/L	57	57		
Carbonate	ug/L	ND	ND		
Chloroform	ug/L	<0.5	<0.5	1	
Dibromochloromethane	ug/L	<0.5	<0.5	1	
Hydroxide	ug/L	ND	ND		
Toluene-d8	%	94.5	94.5	150	

Total Trihalomethanes	ug/L	2.0	2.0	80	
Dibromoacetic Acid	ug/L	1.50	1.5	1	
Dichloroacetic Acid	ug/L	<1.0	<1.0	1	
Magnesium (Mg)	ug/L	26	26		
Monobromoacetic Acid	ug/L	<1.0	<1.0	1	
Monochloroacetic Acid	ug/L	<1.0	<1.0	2	
pH, Laboratory	pH	6.87	6.87		
Phosphate	ug/L	44	44		
Potassium (K)	ug/L	120	120		
Trichloroacetic Acid	ug/L	<1.0	<1.0	1	

Special Language Section:

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45mg/L is a health risk for infants on less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen resulting in serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity.

Arsenic: While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and plumbing. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.